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1. Dr. Ivo Ducháček's outspoken articles in Obzory and Lidova Demokracie blaming the attitude of the Czechoslovak Peace Delegation for the suspension of loan negotiations with the United States and resulting in strong attacks from the Social Democratic daily Pravo Lidu and from the Communist Party.
2. Minister of Information Dr. Kopecký and Minister of Interior Dr. Nosek visited Minister of Posts, Father Hála on 7 November 1946, with regard to Dr. Ducháček's position. Kopecký demanded that Ducháček be removed as head of the Foreign Affairs Committee and called him a "traitor". Hála refused to accede to his demand. Kopecký then demanded that Nosek by his authority as Minister of the Interior, should arrest Ducháček. Hála reminded both Cabinet Members that a member of Parliament enjoys parliamentary immunity. To this Nosek acceded.
3. Kopecký then said that if Ducháček is maintained in office by the Peoples Party, he (Kopecký) will see that the Communist members of the Committee of Foreign Affairs boycott the meetings thus forcing Ducháček's resignation, since a quorum requires that half of the members be present.

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